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It known that I, the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1851, for an apparatus for the destructive distillation of -WASHINGTON SENTINEL." wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of competent persons the invention of an appar-tus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be PROPOSE to publish in the city of Washington, in September, a political newspaper, unrithe name of the WASHINGTON SENTI-

In doing so, it is proper 1 should make known the principles it will maintain, and the policy it will advocate.

used by him or any other person without infring-ing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove ere long before the United States Patent Office; and, further, that the use of will advocate.

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In the National Intelligencer of the 25th instant Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by patent the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens presecution to all parties infringing his patent. I ask how this statement comports with the fact of my patent of December, 1851, and how far the threat can intimidate under such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a movable perforated diaphraem, and was whatever quarter they may come. It will seek to be (and it will endeavor to deserve the title) the organ of the Democratic party of the United States.

such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a movable perforated diaphragm, and was so understood by the Patent Office, as it appears from the records of the Patent Office that his claim was at first refused as interfering with a prior patent to Robert Foulis, of Canada, for an equivalent contrivance. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated diaphragm is the saving clause, is what Mr. Porter calls securing the "exclusive right to making gas from wood." The statement carries absurdity on its front, and is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office. The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental truth of that great party, that the States formed the Union between them by the ratification of the Constitution as a compact; by which, also, they created the Federal Government, and delegated to it, as their common agent, the powers expressly specified in it, with an explicit reservation of all others to the States, or to their separate governments. The exercise of any powers beyond these thus delegated is, therefore, an usurpation of the thus delegated, is, therefore, an usurpation of the reserved authority of the States by the sgent of

is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office If such a claim or right had been granted, it would

in the country.

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August 25, 1854.
Six. In reply to your letter of this date, asking

"if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter, dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or

to any other person or persons, securing to him or them "the exclusive right of making gas from

wood," and whether any such claim was made by W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent, which letters patent were issued bearing the above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's claims are believed to be c nfined to his appara-

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n the year of our Lord one thousand
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Extract from Specification of W. D. Parter on which letters patent were issued August 22, 1854.

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tus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the exclusive right of making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make an extended investigation to answer your re-In respect to the internal administration of the Government, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic in inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic in ternal policy:—that this Government will best promote the freedom and prosperity of the people of the States, by being less ambitious to exercise power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the manage ment of all their domestic concerns—while it contents itself with guarding the confederacy from external violence, and directing the foreign policy of the country to the promotion of the common I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
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W. P. McConaell, Esq.,
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This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with which application letters patent were issued to the said W. D. Porter on the 22d day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I. Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed [1, 5], this 25th day of August, in the year of our The Sextinel will advocate such a progressive foreign policy as will suit itself to the exigencies, and correspond with the expanding interests of the country. That policy should be energetic and decided; but should temper firmness with liberality, and make its highest ends consist with the strictest principles of justice. The real interests of the country, upon each occasion demanding attention will be its guide in the course the Sentinel will read to the country.

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from abroad with our domestic concerns, wil prompt us to avoid it in the affairs of other coun tries, unless by their foreign or colonial policy our peace should be threatened, our security endan gered, or our interests invaded. For when the selfish interests of other nations prompt a foreign or colonial policy which infringes upon our rights, or colonial policy which infringes upon our rights, and places in the pathway of our commerce a dangerous and unfriendly rival, such a policy must be resisted by remonstrance, and, if need be, by be resisted by remonstrance, and, if need be, by

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